

TCS Newsletter Summer/Fall 2014

## Summer Mission Trip

Planning for the summer mission trip kicks off every spring with a quick one-week trip in which pictures are taken of the children and plans are made for summer work projects. Many thanks go to Phil Robertson, Maria Grant, and Libby Gray for making the spring trip to Trujillo this year.

This summer saw a new record for the size of our Mission Group. A total of 58 dedicated folks



teamed to travel and work at Trujillo Christian School and in the surrounding community. Team members came from 7 states, ranging in ages from 12 to 80. Coordinating travel required multiple airlines, one bus, one truck, three 15-passenger vans, and one car to get everyone to Trujillo. More than half of the group (31) had traveled to work at Trujillo in the past. Thus they quickly helped to familiarize the new team members to the living and working conditions. It is always a joy to see how quickly and enthusiastically each year's travelers come together as friends and as a unified Mission Team.

## The Projects

In order to gain a better understanding of the community, of the work being done, and to give different muscles a break, most Team members rotated between projects at the school and at 4 community sites. With the blessing of having multiple rented vans and one truck with us, we were able to shuffle Team members between work sites. We were also able to keep everyone supplied with materials.

At the school, we painted numerous buildings inside and out, repaired classroom ceilings, worked on a new security wall, installed a new security system for each building, repaired numerous electrical problems, rebuilt windows, built two doors, added window screens to the kindergarten, coordinated a painting project for sponsors, repaired the security fence, worked on the computer lab, provided children's clothes, provided donated flip-flops and hygienic items to each student, and hosted a festival/school carnival.





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In the community, we taught Bible classes, replaced the roof on one church building, provided several hundred pounds of clothing for the community, worked on adding a second story class room that we started in 2013, dug pilings (by hand), mixed concrete (by hand), poured the pilings for another church building expansion, and helped construct a “pila” (a four inch thick concrete water basin with a scrub board—common to Central American homes with large families [12 kids]). We lost count of the number of 100-pound bags of cement and the number of dump-truck loads of sand that we purchased. A dozen shovels seemed to be in constant motion mixing concrete.



## Other School Activities

The TCS Kindergarten kids (with the financial assistance of the Parent Teacher Organization's fundraising efforts) provided folk dancing entertainment in support of the Marathon of Love run to benefit the Little Hands Big Hearts Ministry. This ministry serves special needs children and their families in Trujillo, some of which now attend TCS.

Additionally, the TCS school band participated in the annual parade celebrating Honduran Independence Day on September 15<sup>th</sup> - a major event in Trujillo.



## Father's Day Appeal

A special thank you to everyone who supported our Father's Day Appeal.

**Total collected \$2,845.14**

Phil and Dianne Buehler  
Sharon Till  
Michael and Maria Leforgee  
Marilynn Peal  
Ricky and Stacy Gray  
Gary and Libby Gray  
Charles Boils  
David Doom  
Jack and Beth Vanderpool  
Peggy Robertson  
Ken and Tina Dickerson  
Jerry and Barbara Germany  
T'Ann Ohern  
Bo and Linda Gray

In honor of Otto Buehler  
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In honor of Hamilton Haley and Gary Leforgee  
In memory of Jim Peal  
In honor of Bo Gray and in memory of Wayne Covington  
In honor of Bo Gray  
In memory of Leo Boils  
In memory of James Doom and in honor of Aaron Pelz  
In memory of R.G. Vanderpool and John Holland  
In memory of Les Galligan  
In memory of James W. Hollars and Boyd C. Dickerson  
In memory of Fletcher Germany  
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In honor of Gary Gray, Ricky Gray, Jason Gray, Johnny  
McDaniel, John Cunningham

## Thank You

**Without sponsors, there would be no Trujillo Christian School. In the U.S., we serve as an all-volunteer support arm for the school. The only costs are newsletter supplies, bank transfer fees, and mailing expenses. Otherwise, the entirety of sponsor donations is wired monthly to Honduras for school support.**

We have thus far been able to maintain the \$40 monthly cost to support each student. If you have any questions about the school, or if you would like to travel with the summer 2015 mission trip to Trujillo, please contact Libby Gray at 770-713-5197.

**Speaking for the children of the Trujillo Christian School, we sincerely appreciate your continued support. May God bless you.**

